



JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET INFO

PREPARED SPEECHES TOTAL 76 POINTS

Introduction (8)

- effective and appropriate
- relevant to topic
- aroused curiosity and interest in topic

Content and Organization (30)

- information complete and logically presented
- overall understanding of topic evidenced by research
- conveyed subject effectively to audience
- kept to central topic
- speech developed with originality
- correct grams, phrasing, sentence structure and use of words

Informative: Did the speaker show evidence of varied sources of up to date material?

Persuasive: Did the speaker state an issue, illustrate an area of concern, suggest a solution, give logic and reasons for these solutions (use facts) and seek out audience support for the solution given or challenge the audience?

Entertain: Did the speaker use a variety of humour in a light manner? Did you enjoy it?

Delivery and Style (30)

- captured and held
- spoke directly to audience with enthusiasm, confidence and eye contact, smiles, gestures and facial expressions suitably employed proper stance, pronunciation and enunciation quality and carry power of voice, effective and pleasing use of pitch, tempo, pauses
- rate of delivery

Conclusion (8)

- effective summary used left audience with an appreciation of topic
- seemed to enjoy speaking on the topic

IMPROMPTU SPEECHES TOTAL 24 POINTS

Introduction (3)

- relevant to topic captures
- interest and attention

Content and Organization (9)

- appearance, voice, gestures, stance
- enthusiasm and confidence
- effective rate of delivery (does not drag or zip by)

Delivery and Style (9)

- enthusiasm, confidence
- tries to reach audience
- effective rate of delivery
- uses gestures effectively, naturally

Conclusion (3)

- a brief summary
- left audience with an appreciation of topic



1 MIN



30 SEC



2 MIN



STOP

RULES & REGULATIONS

Judging and Timing

1. Each contest shall have three judges, one timekeeper and one teller.
2. The timekeeper shall be provided with a stop-watch or equivalent timing device.
3. Whenever possible, the judges for all Effective Speaking Contests should be non -Air Cadet League or CIC and shall not be acquainted with any of the contestants. The judges should be well qualified and bilingual where necessary.
4. The judges, timekeepers and tellers shall not be identified at the time of the contest or by advance publicity, but only after the last oration has been presented.
5. Judges, timekeepers and teller must use the official score sheets furnished by the Air Cadet League.
6. During the contest the judges, timekeeper and teller shall each be in different locations within the room.
7. Each judge shall render his final decision on all contestants without consultation with other judges or any other person. Each judge, timekeeper and teller must sign his official score sheet.
8. The result of a judge's decision shall be kept confidential, no one shall attempt to discuss a contestant's score with the judge.
9. After the judges have totalled their scores for each contestant, have deducted penalty points, and have ranked each contestant, the judges shall sign their score sheets and give them to the contest chairman. Each judge's score and rank for each contestant shall then be entered and tabulated for each contestant on the Official Contest Score Sheet. From this form, the contest winner will be determined.
10. In all local, region and provincial contests, the first, second, and runner -up contestants shall be determined and announced. However, if preliminary contests are held, then only the first place winner will be announced; or if desired, the top two or three contestants, without reference to their actual position in the contest.

Eligibility

Opened to all Air Cadets legally enrolled by December 31st of the current training year.

Exception: previous provincial winners may only compete a second time in the national competition after an absence of three years. The national winner cannot be a contestant again in the competition.

Awards

Awards and presentations for speakers will vary. Recipients will be given details from the event organizers. Gold, silver and bronze medals for the declared Provincial winner, the 1st runner up and the 2nd runner up, respectively, are provided to the Provincial Committee by the Air Cadet League National Headquarters. Medals for competitions other than the Provincial level are available at minimal cost (currently \$5.00 each).

Certificates acknowledging the individual Air Cadet participation in local competitions are also available from Air Cadet League Headquarters at the cost of \$1.00 each.

REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITION

The Speaker

The speaker has responsibilities which include:

1. Selecting a topic from the official list of topics.
2. Preparing own speech. Speeches are to be the ORIGINAL WORK OF THE SPEAKER. Use proper quotes and credit authors and source of material if referring to another person's work. Prepared speeches shall not be less than five (5) minutes nor more than six (6) minutes, with penalty points if too short or over time allotted.
3. NO VISUAL AIDS, PROPS, GIMMICKS or the assistance of persons may be used by speakers. **NOTE:** A gimmick is any device/stunt or person used to attract attention, e.g. clothing/costume props, singing a song, using taped music in the background, leading a cheer or chant, etc. Quotations are acceptable to use. A gimmick is any device/stunt or person used to attract attention,
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5. Impromptu Speeches of two to three (2-3) minutes are planned. For impromptu speeches, the topic will be pre-selected by the senior judge or coordinator. All contestants will give the same impromptu speech. All contestants will be removed from the speaking area. One at a time each contestant will be isolated given the topic in writing in English or French as needed and allowed three (3) minutes to put their thoughts together.
6. Finding out details about levels of competition in which she/he will be a participant (date, where, etc.) and becoming aware of the rules.
7. Arriving early at the competition.
8. All speakers must speak and be ranked at each level (local, region, provincial, etc.) before progressing to the next level of competition.
9. Awards and presentations for speakers will vary. Recipients will be given details from the event organizers.
10. Speakers are encouraged to improve their speeches after each presentation. Speakers are allowed to write a completely different speech for each level of competition.
11. Speakers must speak in either English or French and continue to speak in the chosen language throughout all levels of the competition.

The Effective Speaking Committee

Every level of competition needs an Effective Speaking Committee which has authority over the competition. This Committee is responsible to the Provincial Coordinator responsible for the Provincial Finals.

The Committee has these duties:

1. Select someone to host the event.
2. Select and brief the Master of Ceremonies for the competition.
3. Select and **INFORM JUDGES**
 - a. explain the Air Cadet program.
 - b. explain the competition procedures.
 - c. encourage constructive comments.
 - d. explain the score sheet
4. Obtain facilities and have them available at least half an hour before the competition.
5. Obtain a P.A. system, podium, time cards, stop watches, any recognition to speakers and judges.
6. Put speakers' numbers and topics on the score sheets in the order that they speak.
7. Provide extra score sheets and extra comment sheets.
8. Prepare impromptu topic.
9. Meet with speakers briefly before the competition to clarify procedures, answer questions, and proceed with the draw to determine the order the speaker will participate eg. 1,2, etc. for the Prepared Speech this order will be reversed for the Impromptu Speech.
10. Supervise timer and teller.
11. Break ties resulting from the competition by having the judges agree on a winner. Tied competitors should not be subjected to a second impromptu speech.
12. Disqualify any speaker who has not presented an original speech and/or who uses visual aids and gimmicks, etc. These speakers will not be eligible to receive an award. Any award will be forfeited to the next deserving speaker. The speaker will also be disqualified from competing in further public speaking competitions.
13. Destroy the score sheets and the teller sheets after the competition. The speakers are not allowed to see these sheets.
14. Prepare and distribute news releases.

NOTES

Local competitions should start after January 1st of the current training year and the twelve (12) Provincial Champions should be known to League Headquarters no later than May 1st of that same year. Local competitions should be held under the supervision of the Local Sponsoring Committee.

The country has been broken down into the twelve (12) Provincial Committee jurisdictions. Each Provincial Committee will subdivide their responsible area into regions. The winners in each of the squadrons within the regions will meet for competition which will be run by the Provincial Committees. The winners of the region competitions will then go into a Provincial Final Competition, again run by the Provincial Committees concerned.

Financially the competitions will be joint efforts. Squadron Sponsoring Committees will absorb the cost of Local Competitions. The Provincial Committees will be responsible for the Zone and Provincial Competitions.

Medals for awarding to each provincial winner, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up will be forwarded from Air Cadet League Headquarters.

TIMING

A timer is to indicate the amount of time **remaining** in a speech as follows:

Prepared: 2 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, stop (35 seconds after 6 minute mark)

Impromptu: 1 minute, 30 seconds, stop (15 seconds after 3 minute mark)

The timer is only to hold the card in front of his/her chest for five seconds and is to remain seated. This is to minimize any distraction to the speaker. A speaker may choose to not have time cards shown.

Times for speeches: Speeches are to be timed from the first word spoken from the speaker, which includes the greeting -- salutation.

Prepared: Not less than five minutes or more than six minutes

Impromptu: Two to three minutes

Time Faults

Prepared speeches: 1 (one) point to be deducted from the raw score for every 5 (five) seconds over or under the allowable time limit, to a maximum penalty of 7 (seven) points.

Impromptu speeches: 1 (one) point to be deducted from the raw score for every 5 (five) seconds over or under the allowable time limit, to a maximum penalty of 3 (three) points. **mpromptu speeches:** 1 (one) point to be deducted from the raw score for every 5 (five) seconds over or under the allowable time limit, to a maximum penalty of 3 (three) points.

Time faults must be deducted by the judges **before** speakers are ranked.

TELLERS Tellers receive the rankings from each judge, add up these ranks, and put the new totals in order.

The speaker with the lowest rank is the first place winner.

e.g. If Valerie Logan was ranked 1,5,2 by three judges, her total rank is 8. If Brent Fearon was ranked 2,1,3 by the judges, his total rank is 6 and he would place above Valerie.

If a tie ensues between two or more competitors the tie is to be broken by the judges (see item 11 under **The Effective Speaking Committee** above.)

JUDGING

1. Judges will rank all the speakers and give this rank order to the teller. Judges break their own ties.
2. One of the Judges is asked to make verbal comments to the assembly in the name of all judges.
3. Judges will be allowed approximately two minutes to mark their scores and to write their comments following each speech.
4. Judges should not judge the same speakers twice in the same training year.
5. Judges are encouraged to put emphasis on the educational value of the experience, so that "winning" does not appear to be the sole purpose of involvement.